

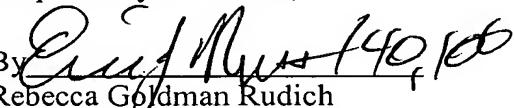
REMARKS

Applicants submit the above amendments to properly indicate the priority information for the pending application as indicated on the transmittal and Request for Priority filed with the pending U.S. Application No.: 09/497,507 filed on February 4, 2000 and the Updated Official Filing Receipt dated May 30, 2000 received from the USPTO (copies enclosed) and cancel claims 9, 10 and 30-49. No new matter has been added. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

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